

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

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505 MARRIOTT DR.
CLARKSVILLE, IN
JUNE 11, 2004
1-3pm**

A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 1:00 p.m.(DST) with Chairperson Paul Convington presiding:

a. The following Board Members were present:

Marshal Boatwright
Paul Covington
Charles (Don) Hall
Thomas Hanify
Jack Kerney
Director Taylor

b. The following Board Members were absent:

Bernice Clark
Patrick Donoghue
Tom Lorzine
Jerry Nulliner
Darrick Scott

c. Also Present

Ivan Nevil, Fire Academy Administrator
James Schneider, PSTI TO
Randy Wood, PSTI TO
Mara Snyder, Counsel
Marilyn Burgess, Program Coordinator
Ed Scheele, Morris VFD
Ed Gerdowsky, Batesville VFD
Jack Harker, Vincennes Twp. FD
Beverly Harker, Vincennes Twp. FD
Walter Reiter, Decatur FD
Eddie King, Vincennes Twp. FD
Brian Kellams, Vincennes Twp. FD
Jerry Cohen, Springfield Twp. FD
Dick Doan, Posey Twp. FD
Randy Merkel, Morris VFD
Stephen Macke, Batesville FD

Dennis Schavey, New Chicago FD
Scott Chasteen, Greensburg FD
Tim Sandy, Springfield Twp. FD
David Kaufman, Lincoln Twp. FD
Pam Kaufman, Lincoln Twp. FD
Diana Orrell, New Chicago FD
Tom Orrell, Beverly Shores FD
Dennis Spanns, Centerville Fire/Rescue
Maynard Masters, Kendallville FD/EBT
Jean Smith, Poe FD
Harry Logan, Marrs Twp. VFD
Jim Bradford, Lake Station VFD, IVFA
Roy Richardson, Sellersburg FD
Dave Elick, Johnson Twp. VFD
Perry Martin, Sheffield Twp. FD
Kenny Lau, Huntingburg VFD
Jim Parker, Franklin Twp. FD
Charles Parker, Anderson Twp. FD
Pete Carter, Vincennes Twp. VFD
Buzz Koehler, Renesselaer VFD
Larry Petro, Bryant VFD
Mitch Parish, Francesville VFD
Bill Paper, Lapel VFD
Mort Sorg, PVF
Bob Szot, Crown Point Fire Rescue
Steve Anderson, Perry Twp. VFD

B. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken with a quorum of 6

C. Minutes of May 10, 2004; Board Meeting; Statistical Report May 2004

Jack Kerney made a motion to accept the May 10, 2004 and May, 2004 Statistcal Report as printed and distributed. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals

a. **Steve Stackhouse, a member of the Kokomo F.D.** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon completing and receiving a Bachelor's degree in Fire Protection from Amstead University in January, 2004.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve the variance for FO III on staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. **James Helton, a member of the Wayne Twp. FD in Marion Co.** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-12 Inspector I and 655 IAC 1-2.1-13 Inspector II based upon having completed and receiving certification from the International Code Council. He has

also received certification as Certified Fire Protection Specialist from the Certified Fire Protection Board.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approved the variance on staff recommendation. Jack Kerney seconded the motion. Motion carried with one Board Member opposed.

c. **Scott McCarty, a member of the Indianapolis Fire Department** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon having completed and receiving an Associate degree of Applied Fire Science in Public Safety Fire Science Technology.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve the variance on staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. **Donald Keck, a member of the Anderson FD** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon having completed and receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Safety.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve the variance on staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e. **Ruth Morrison, a member of the Indianapolis Fire Department** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon having and receiving an Associate degree in Applied Fire Science in Public Safety Fire Science Technology.

Marshal Boatwright made a motion to approve the variance on staff recommendation. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

f. **Jeremy Vice, a member of the Marion FD since 9/23/1996** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-19 Instructor I, 655 IAC 1-2.1-20 Instructor II/III and 655 IAC 1-2.1-8 FO I. He has based his request on the fact that his employer has not had a training officer hired to oversee that the required training has been completed, the length of time he has been on the department and has on his own received outside certification at these three levels, prior to the hiring of a training officer and finally receiving his FFI/II certifications.

Marshal Boatwright made a motion to approve the variance and to waive the one-year time requirement. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

g. **Stephen Coover** submitted additional information by means of his college transcript for additional documentation for his previous request for 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III submitted at the last Board Meeting.

Jack Kerney made a motion to follow staff recommendation and deny the variance because his information presented does not meet NFPA 1021. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

h. **Albert Althoff, a member of the Woodburn FD** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-4 FFI and 655 IAC 1-2.1-5 FF II, based upon having completed and receiving a certification from the state of South Dakota at these two levels.

Marshal Boatwright made a motion to approve the variance on staff recommendation with the condition that if he ever desires IFSAC accreditation he must take the IN written and practicals. Tom Hanify seconded the motion. Motion carried.

i. **Kevin Nicholson, a member of the Fishers FD** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1.2.1-11 FO IV, based upon having completed and receiving an Associates Degree in Fire Science, a Bachelors degree in Applied Science and is soon to graduate from the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program.

Marshal Boatwright made a motion to approve to approve the variance on staff recommendation. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

j. **Brian Perior, a member of the Lafayette FD** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-8 FO I, 655 IAC 1-2.1-9 FO II, 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon course taken while a member of a Fire Department in Michigan. Most of the certificates submitted for documentation are from the National Fire Academy.

Don Hall made a motion to deny the variance on staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. A letter will be sent to Brian Perior telling him he can challenge our IN written and practical tests. Motion approved.

e. **Myla Williams, a member of the Indianapolis FD** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-19 Instructor I based upon having completed and receiving a Primary Instructor certification from the Indiana EMS Commission.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve the variance on staff recommendation, but if she ever wants IFSAC accreditation she will have to take the IN written and practical test. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Report by Luther J. Taylor, Sr., Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

Director Taylor stated that the SEMA office has been extremely busy with the flooding and tornadoes that have hit Indiana in recent weeks. The city of Marengo, IN was 80% destroyed and 40 counties have significant damage. FEMA has set up offices here and have been working closely with the SEMA offices.

Director Taylor reported that he had just returned from a Homeland Security Conference. The states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana exchanged information on the ongoing programs in their respective states.

F. State Fire Marshal Report M. Tracy Boatwright

Marshal Boatwright reported that Indiana Weekend will be July 17 and 18. The response from firefighters going has been good this year, with approximately 50 firefighters going as of this date.

There will be a Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service July 8 at 9 am at the State Memorial Site near the State House.

Marshal Boatwright announced that he will retire June 30, 2004.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

Ivan reported that the staff has been very busy with training and working on the IFSAC reaccreditation site visit that we have scheduled for September.

Ivan announced the retirement of Marilyn Burgess effective June 30, 2004.

H. Administrative Proceedings

Petition for Administrative Review filed by, Brian Mosley, Larry Moreau, Craig Morris, Roger Schrock, and John Hash.

Don Hall made a motion to forward the petitions from Brian Mosely, Larry Moreau, Craig Morris, Roger Schrock and John Hash to the Administrative Law Judge. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. Old Business

a. **IFSAC** - Paul Covington - Our IFSAC reaccreditation is scheduled for September, 2004. The fall IFSAC Conference will be held in Brunswick.

b. **House Bill #1106** - Ivan Nevil - Ivan reported that the bid proposal has been created and is ready to go out for bids. The proposal has been written that there has to be a response within 45 days of the proposal being sent out.

c. **Certification Task Force** - Tom Loraine - No report.

d. **655 IAC 1-1-12**- Mara Snyder - Mara stated that this is the testing language that pertains to the practical skills being returned at the same time as the written test. After lengthy discussion and some input from the audience, it was decided that this matter will be discussed again at the July 19 meeting after the Board members have had a chance to review the rule.

e. **655 IAC 1-1-12**- Mara Snyder - Mara stated that the current rule changes are in the A.G.'s office. She will have a status report at the July 19 meeting.

e. **Cognitive Test Validation**- Tom Loraine - After discussion of a letter by Tom Loraine, but due to his absence from this meeting, this matter will be put on July 19 Agenda for more discussion.

f. **Cognitive Tests vs. Practical Skills**- Tom Loraine- Already covered.

J. **New Business**

a. **Tim Whitham** - Practical Skills for an Inspector I/II course he taught - This matter will be put on the July 19 Agenda until the Board makes a decision on what the time frame will be for returning the written and practical test to the PSTI office.

b. **SEM** - Ivan Nevil - The problem has been resolved.

c. **City of Crawfordsville** - The City of Crawfordsville sent a copy of their departments Agility Test for Board review. The City of Crawfordsville FD will be sent a letter stating the BFFPS&E have reviewed their Agility Test.

d. **NIMS** - Maynard Masters - Maynard stated that he held a task force meeting and the SEMA program was compared to the one received from Homeland Security and they are very much alike. Maynard wants a test bank put together that can be presented to IFSAC and possibly get an IFSAC certification from the program.

e. **NFPA 1021** - Maynard Masters - Maynard questioned whether the Board was aware that under NFPA 1021, 2003 edition that the prerequisite for FO I would be Instructor I. Mara stated that the new rules have already gone to the AG's office and no changes are allowed. All updates of the NFPA standards will be in the new rules that she is hoping to have published in September 1st Indiana Register.

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.(DST)